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A brief overview of the rules of poker can be found in the vol. 18 of Encyclopaedia Britannica (p.108 of the 1966 edition).

US Patent No. 6,695,695, issued in 2002 to Mark Angel disclosed a variation of a video

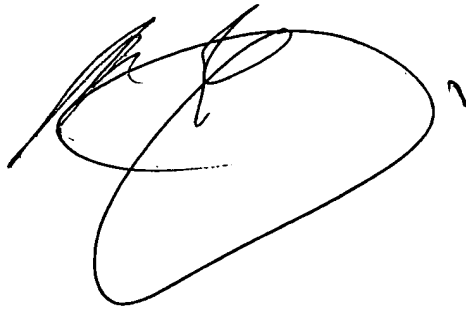
casino card game known as "video poker" that deals multiple hands. In a preferred embodiment it includes means for simulating a plurality of players on a game display. Each simulated player is dealt a hand of cards pursuant to a predetermined card game selected by a game player. Subsequent to the initial deal, the game player selects which hand to play. Such a game replaces a dealer with a random (in reality - pseudo-random) sequence generator; however, being individual by nature it does not allow real interaction between the physical players and therefore cannot be used for the tournaments with real players. All the participants of such a video game but one are simulated by a computer and all the psychological strategic parts of the game that constitute an important element of, i.e. poker, are eliminated since there is no human-to-human interaction.

US Patent No. 6,659,866, issued in 2003 to B.Frost et al. discloses an automated game table, in the preferred embodiment described as a table for roulette. In this apparatus, physical persons that participate in the game are provided with an electronic interface through which the players interact with a dealer. Such a table allows a multiple player arrangement, where the players place bets, and wins or losses are calculated using electronic means, while the game itself is conducted using traditional, manual systems operated by a dealer. The problem of such an arrangement is that despite the dealer need not watch for irregularities or calculate wins and losses, he/she still needs to physically conduct the game elements - for example, spinning a roulette wheel or tossing the cards.

Thus, none of the aforementioned references discloses, as claimed in my main Claim 1 and in dependent Claims 2-14, an electronic game table, e.g., a standard game table for poker, incorporating multiple player seats for tournament or side game play, wherein the game is played

between the players without participation of a live dealer who is replaced by a random combination generator and wherein each player has a display device in front of him/her containing information about the card in pocket and utilizes a common visual display visible to all the participants; the actual cards being replaced by images of the cards on the displays.

Respectfully,
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